

**Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

February 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

Committee Members in Attendance: Loretta Redelman (Chair), Judy Regner, Betty Gardner, Wendy Keating, Ron Lambert

Others in Attendance: Erik Laursen (UMFS), Ruma Bhowmik (UMFS), Chris Hollins (CRI), Terry Hurley (CRI), Kathy Chamountry (CRI), Sue Gross (APTS), Jim Copeland (APTS), Rita A. Adjety (MVLE), Millie Flores (MVLE), Denise Thomas (MVLE), James Fox (St. Johns), Ruth Bennett (St. Johns), Laurie Berry (CM-Prince William County), Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. The committee voted on and approved as written the minutes from the December 13th and January 10th.

I. Request for Affiliation

Erik Laursen and Ruma Bhowmik from UMFS came to the meeting to request affiliation. Their program provides up to 45 days of crisis stabilization for children and youth ages 12-17. The committee voted and accepted their affiliation request pending a review of the letters from Richmond BHA's LHRC verifying compliance of their policies and procedures with the regulations.

The committee also voted on and accepted the revised policies and procedures of Platinum Healthcare.

II. Restrictive Plan Discussion

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 1:25 p.m. and the Committee came out of Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. The committee went back into Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. and came out at 3:47 p.m. and again went into Executive Session at 4:10 p.m. and came out at 4:15 p.m. to again discuss client issues. Six behavior plans were reviewed and accepted for three months. There were recommendations for one plan to correct the history section and for the agency to provide to the LHRC documentation within the next 30 days that they are well into the process of securing a guardian from the courts. The committee requested monthly updates for the next 3 months for a second plan.

Fourteen quarterlies were reviewed and accepted for 3 months with recommendations made on four of the quarterlies. The recommendations included clarifying that PRN psychotropic medications cannot be used in an ICF on two quarterlies, clarifying whether the medication change was an increase or

decrease and approved, and updating the LHRC on the status of the person after the January doctor's appointment.

III. Committee Business Session

The committee will be sending out a letter to one of the affiliates stating their affiliation will not be renewed until their policies and procedures have been approved.

IV. Advocate's Report

Tim Simmons submitted to the LHRC a change of address form for RIVA. He also shared information about the 24th annual volunteer luncheon to be held on April 3 in Staunton and requested a representative from the LHRC attend. Ron expressed interest in representing the LHRC and was given an application to be completed by 3/14.

The committee also received written material that beginning October 10, 2007, all DMHMRSAS facilities will no longer permit the use of tobacco products on facility grounds and laying out the ramifications. People have a right to smoke, but not in State facilities. Facilities are encouraged to take a planned approach to facilitate a smooth transition.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, March 14th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.